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## **Arts Commission Announces 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Gifts of Gold Arts Celebration**

More than 100 Wake County students – kindergarten to high school seniors – will be represented in the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Gifts of Gold arts celebration as part of the Pieces of Gold performing arts extravaganza. A temporary art gallery will showcase two- and three-dimensional creations by area students. The artwork will be on display March 12-13 in the lobby of Memorial Auditorium at the Duke Energy Performing Arts Center. A Gifts of Gold awards ceremony will take place on Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium.

“Gifts of Gold provides K-12 visual art students all across the district a chance to share their artwork with the entire community,” says Elizabeth Grimes-Droessler, Senior Administrator – Arts Education, Wake County Public School System. “To have your work adjudicated by some of Raleigh's finest professional artists and then for it to be displayed in an elegant venue like the lobby of Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium is an opportunity of a lifetime!”

The winning artists, their teachers and schools are:

- **Best in Show** – Davin Kim, Corneille Little, Cedar Fork Elementary
- **First Place Elementary School** – Ava Mayo, MaryBeth Hansley, Holly Springs Elementary
- **Second Place Elementary School** – Ramiro Patrana Reys, Rosemary Douna, Zebulon Elementary
- **Third Place Elementary School** – Tanvi Komaragiri/ Sonya Drum, Washington Elementary
- **First Place Middle School** – Lauren Matsumura, Elizabeth Rawls, Carnegie Middle
- **Second Place Middle School** – Jacob Grady, Lisa Peszko, Zebulon GT Middle

- **Third Place Middle School** – Kayla Davis, Ann Foster, Dillard Drive
- **First Place High School** – Kevin Lee, Farrall Hilton, Athens Drive
- **Second Place High School** – Brennan Lewis, Susan Euler, Enloe
- **Third Place High School** – Kenneth Feliciano Ortiz, Brenda Brokke, Apex
- **First Place 3-D Art** – Kevin Liu, Rebekah Arrington, Mills Park Middle School
- **Second Place 3-D Art** – Nhyla Bryant, Terry McManus, Harris Creek Year Round Elementary
- **Third Place 3-D Art** – Anna Edstrom, Ray Puckett, Enloe High School

Wake County art teachers were encouraged to submit two- or three-dimensional student art as part of Gifts of Gold. Images of the winning artwork and a complete list of student participants can be found at:

<http://www.raleighnc.gov/arts/content/CityMgrArts/Articles/GiftsOfGold.html>

The 2013 Gifts of Gold presentation is a collaboration of the City of Raleigh Arts Commission, Wake County Public Schools and the Wake Education Partnership.

“The Gifts of Gold art show gives Wake County students of all ages the opportunity to showcase their creative development,” said Raleigh artist Bob Rankin, a Gifts of Gold judge. “The quality of the work is a true testimony to the excellence and power of Wake County art educators. The work will be seen by several thousand people during the Pieces of Gold celebration.”

To learn more about the City of Raleigh Art Commission and its programs, go to [www.raleighnc.gov/arts](http://www.raleighnc.gov/arts). For more information about Gifts of Gold, contact the Arts Commission's Program Director Belva Parker at 919-996-4683 or email [belva.parker@raleighnc.gov](mailto:belva.parker@raleighnc.gov).

Established in 1977 as the official advisory body and advocate for the arts to the Raleigh City Council, the City of Raleigh Arts Commission holds the distinction of being the first municipal arts commission created in North Carolina. Serving as the leading force to champion the arts with Raleigh citizens and their representatives, the Arts Commission’s myriad activities foster, support and promote the arts in the Capital City.